

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 353

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Bryan Watson, 2001  
Valedictorian of Gordonsville High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Watson is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Gordonsville High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Bryan has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, Bryan Watson has earned an exemplary grade point average, and is a four-year member of *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and a member of the United States Achievement Academy; and

WHEREAS, He was the first student from Smith County ever selected to attend the Vanderbilt Summer Science Collaborative. Bryan was the HOBY Ambassador his Sophomore year and during his Junior year, he attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and the National Leadership Forum at Harding University. This year, he was named "Most Studious" in the Senior class and received the prestigious Danforth Award; and

WHEREAS, Bryan has also been involved in various clubs and volunteer activities. He is a three-year member of the Academic team, serving as Captain for the last two years. He is currently a member of the Science and Math Club, the Spanish Club, the FFA, where he was on the National Meats Evaluating Team, and the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, Bryan has volunteered over 200 hours at Carthage General Hospital's Physical Therapy Department, and he participates in the Governor's Study Partner Program as a tutor; and

WHEREAS, Bryan has received a \$1,000 Scholarship through the office of the President of the United States for his volunteer service, an academic work study scholarship from Tennessee Technological University, and a \$4,000 scholarship from TVA Power Distributors; and

WHEREAS, His display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Bryan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Larry and Bonita Watson, his grandfather, Leon Hammond, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, His dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2001 Gordonsville High School Valedictorian, Bryan Watson, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.